

**USBR/Western Customer Funding Program
Technical Committee Meeting
February 6, 2001
9:00 at SMUD Forrest View #1 Conference room**

Agenda

1. Call to order by Chairman/Secretary - Meeting was called to order by Bill Reichmann at 9:15 am. Reclamation was acting as secretary.

2. Roll Call (Normal attendees; x marks attendees)

(X) Charles Cooper, Western (M)	(X) Ed Roman, SMUD (M)	() Joe Ungvari, DOE (A)
(X) Cyndi Calvillo, Western (L)	() Barry Mortimeyer, USBR (M)	() Mark Clark, DOE (M)
(X) Russ Klein, BART (M)	() Janice Bartlett, USBR (A)	() Dan Netto, USBR (A)
() Stuart Robertson, Irrigation (M)	() Matt Foskett, NCPA (M)	(X) Bill Reichmann, SVP (M)
(X) Tom Kabat, Palo Alto (M)	() Lowell Watros, Redding (M)	(X) Tom Ruthford, USBR (L)
(X) Martin Bauer, USBR (P)	(X) Anita Wiley, Western (L)	

3. Review Prior Minutes – The 12/13/00 Minutes did not reflect Ed's comments dated 12/18/00. Section 4 (d) 3 bids or 2? for New Melones Tie Rod Repair. FY 03 status on New Melones GB presentation. Action items A Ranking of Plants. Table of RAX items budget numbers. Changes to plan numbers. Approved with Ed's changes. Prioritization discussed Weighting using probabilistic condition changes will need to be made but at a latter date.

4. Reports

- **Governance Board** - Related to the RRTS funding for New Melones tie rod repair (see below), a telephone poll was taken of each GB member on January 3, 2001. Four issues were raised for discussion and decisions. 1. Use of FY2000 carryover RRTS for tie rod repair acceleration. 2. Use of FY2001 RRTS funds to augment FY2000 RRTS so to obtain \$400,000 total. 3. Use RRTS for "contractor" incentive versus just overtime. 4. Redirect \$184,000 New Melones butterfly valve repair funding to higher priority Spring Creek ACB retrofit. All four of these items pass with unanimous consent of GB members. - Meeting delayed to 27th. Reprogramming authority was reset by GB vote.
- **Finance Committee**- Update from January 30, 2001 Meeting - Anita Wiley and Tim (SMUD) indicated the FC fully supports the TC Funding Plan level. Crediting issues arising from plan level. Alt 1 Working Funds at 24M GB Funds 6M. Alt 2 Working Funds to 22M and GB Funds to 3M. FC impact is that Western cannot credit the full plan and customers do not understand the reserve level-Solution after lengthy discussion provide insert line 18 to plan stating 25% AEC is to be made available for agency expenditure on October 1 through advance cash call requirement. The last agency cash calls would be reduced to bring the sum of all cash calls to the AEC level. This would be coupled with a reduce reserve level (line 8) to 5% of the AEC FY 03 balance (906,142). Western to have \$2,500,000 for Contingency. Revise the Funding Plan schedule to include comments received at meeting. Description of Funding plan handout will need to be revised to include funding plan line number references and updated for each Funding Plan.
- **Trimester Report** - Keswick Trashrake - TC Committee is concerned over the lack of performance by the Northern California Area Office on this project. Report on JF Carr - Dual unit operation today. Potential improvement of a new runner to unit efficiency 6%.
- **Calendar Matrix Update** - Should probably be adjusted to reflect earlier cash schedules.

- **Other - Report on Penstock Outage at New Melones for Tie-Rod Repairs** - Due to contractor incentives established as a result of using RRTS funds, a total of 46 days was reduced from the original 60-day repair schedule. The units were returned to service on January 18. - Committee wants reports on costs and benefits.
- **Other - Powerformer** Estimates for 13.8 unit as part of powerformer project completed. Both Reclamation and SMUD to send team to Sweden to review an installation.
- **Keswick Trash Rake** - No change in status of this project.
- **Clear Creek Tunnel Cleaning** - Completed and waiting for efficiency improvement tests. Second Carr Unit is scheduled to return to service on February 1, 2001, with testing of two unit production to follow soon thereafter.

- FY01 Project Status
 - NM Butterfly Valve Repair - During the telephone polling of the GB,
 - Spring Creek Transformer Refurbishment - This project is continuing. Reclamation intends to pursue reclaiming/reconditioning the transformer oil as soon as practical while developing specifications to repair the leaks and regasket the transformer by contractor next Fall.

1. Accept New Action Items

- 2. New Melones Runner Replacement Analyses-** Additional Questions from the member: How long between runner refurbishment. How long before replacement is necessary. Summary table benefits and costs. TC to review but project description provided for the individual customers info. Consensus that the project be rolled out during the Customer Meeting on February 15
- 3. Folsom Plant Addition Discussion-**What is the cost allocation. Time of occurrence needed.
- 4. Visitor Center-** \$1.3M needed for exhibits and construction. BART has expressed an interest. Bob Parkins of Western to be contacted for Western participation interests.
- 5. Diagnostic Testing-** Presentation
- 6. Reviews** - Shasta Keswick Folsom Nimbus complete report in 30 days.

7. Prioritize Action Items -

1. Address Open Action Items:

- 01/04/2000-1** **a)** Cumulative RAX Summary Spreadsheet - Ed. (Deferred)
- 03/01/2000-3** Rapid Return to Service for Excess Capacity - Tom/Martin.
(Deferred)
- 5/15/2000-1** Status of web site for TC documents - USBR. This website is currently being developed and should be operational after the New Year. (Open) Within next month. TC requests notice when up

1. Future Meetings:

Governance Board	December 4, 2000	9:00 a.m. Western
RAX Workshop	December 12, 2000	1:00 a.m. USBR-CVO
Technical Committee	December 13, 2000	9:00 a.m. USBR-CVO
Finance Committee	January 12, 2001	10:00 a.m. Western
Technical Committee	February 6, 2001	9:00 a.m. SMUD
Governance Board	February 27, 2001	9:00 a.m. Western
Technical Committee	April 17, 2001	9:00 a.m. NCPA
Technical Committee	June 5, 2001	9:00 a.m. CVO

1. Adjourn